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In the last Office Action, the Examiner made a three-tier election of species requirement and required applicant to elect one of Species A-D, one of Species (a)-(c) and one of Species (i)-(iii) and to list the claims readable on each elected species.

In reply, applicant has provisionally elected Species C and identified claim 12 as being readable thereon, Species (a) and identified claims 1 and 3 as being readable thereon, and Species (ii) and identified claims 8, 10 and 11 as being readable thereon. In the event of allowance of a generic or sub-generic claim, it is applicant's understanding that the election of species requirement will be withdrawn as to non-elected species claims that depend on, or include the subject matter of, the allowable generic or sub-generic claim.

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Early and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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